STATE OF NEVADA

for Contempt DECISION

show cause whw he should not be false charges or vilification. adjudged guilty of contempt for hav-

statement: not know what they wrote about."

lous; disavowed any intention to com- and protect. mit a contempt of court; and, further that if the langauge was by the court departure from them by a member deemed to be objectionable, he apoli- of the har would seem to be willful gized for its use and asked that the and intendonal misconduct, same be stricken from the petition.

cognizance of, attributing its wae to fear, which exists only in the pyrotechnic imigination of cunsel."

Also, the case and its condition at the time the objectionable language eration. The proceeding, in which this petition was filed, had been of a section of an Act of the Legislaimminant danger. Stat. 1903, p. 33. almost unanimously and had received the Governor's approval. At the labor in underground mines, Re of ores, Re Kair 28 Nev. 86 P. 464. and that similar statutes had been " upheld by the Supreme Court of D. tan and the Supreme Court of the Units. 1 States in the cases of State v. Holders. 14 Utah 71 and 86, 46 P. 757 and 1105. 37 L. R. A. 103 and 108; Holden v Hardy 169 U. S. 366, 18 Sup. Ct. 383; Short v. Mining Company, 20 Utah, 20, 57 P. 720, 45 L. R. A., 603, and by the upreme Court of the State of Missoun re Cantwell, 179 Mo. 245, 78 S. W. 56%. It may not be out of place here, also to note that the latter case has since heen affirmed by the S. preme Court of the United States, and more recently the latter tribunal; adhering to its opinion therein and in the Utah cases, has refused to interfere with the decisions of this Co-

in re Kair. it would seem therefore, a natural and proper, if not a necessary deduction from the language in question, when taken in connection with the law of the cases as enunciated by this and other courts, that counsel, finding that the opinion of the highest court in the land was adverse instead of favorable to his contentions, in that it specifically affirmed the Utah decision in Hoden vs. Hardy, which sustained the statute from which ours is copied, and that all the courts named were adverse to the views he advocated, had resorted to abuse of the Justices of this and other courts, and to imputations of their motives.

The language quoted is tantamount to the charge that this tribunal and the Supreme Courts of Utah, Missouri and of the United States and one Justices thereof who participated in the opinions upholding statutes limiting the hours of labor in mines, smelters and other ore reduction works, were misguided by ignorance or base political considerations.

Taking the most charitable view. if counsel became so imburd and misguided by his own ideas and conclusions that he honestly and eroneously conceived that we were controlled by ignorance or sinister motives instead of by law and justice in determining constitutional or other questions, and that these other courts and judges and the members of the legislature and Governor were guilty of the accusation he made occause they and we failed to follow the theories he advocated, and that his opinions ought to outweigh and turn the scale against the decisions of the four courts named including the highest in the land with nineteen justices concurring. nevertheless it was entirely inappropriate to make the statement in brief.

If he really believed or knew of facts to sustain the charge he made he ought to have been aware that the purpose of such a document is to enlighten the court in regard to the controlling facts and the law, and convince by argument, and not to abuse and vilify, and that this court is not endowed with power to hear or determine charges impeaching its Justices. On the other hand if he did not believe the accusation and made it with a aesire to mislead, intimidate or swerve from duty the Court in its decision, the statement that taking eitner view. whether respondent believed or disbelieved the seinous charge he made, such lanuade is nawarranted and contemp-

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE his brief or argument is to assist the court in ascertaining the truth pertaining to the pertinent facts, the real In the matter of Alfred Chartz, Esq., effect of decisions and the law applicable in the case, and he far oversteps the bounds of professional conduct Respondent was commanded to when he reports to misrepresentation,

He may fully present, discuss and ling, as an attorney of record in the argue the evidence and the law and anatter of the application of Peter Kair freely indicate wherein he beneves for a Writ of Habeas Corpus filed in that decisions and rulings are wrong or this court a petition for rehearing in erroneous, but this he may do withwhich he made use of the following out effectually making bald accusations against the motives and intelli-"In my opinion, the decisions favor- gence of the court, or being discouring the power of the State to limit the teous or resorting to abuse which is hours of labor, on the ground of the not argument nor convincing to reapolice power of the State, are all soning minds. If respondent has no trong, and written by men who have respect for the justices, he ought to never performed manual labor, or by have enough regard for his position politicians and for politics. They to at the bar to refrain from attacting ot know what they wrote about." the tribunal of which he is a mem-Respondent apeared in response to ber, and which the people, through the citation, filed a brief and made an the Constitution and by general conextended address to the Court in sent have made the final interpreter which he took the position that the of the laws which ne, as an officer words in question were not contempt. of the court, has sworn to uphold

These duties are so plain that any

In considering the foregoins state. contempt and to maintain dignity in ment it is proper to note that in the their proceedings is inherent and is briefs filed by Respondent upon the as old as courts are old. It is also hearing of the case in the first 'n provided by statute. By analogy we stance, he used language of similar note the adjudications and penalties import which this court did not take imposed in a few of the many cases. word Cottingham imprisoned Ed-

over zealousness upon the part of mund Lechmere Charlton a barrister counsel, but which was of such a and member of the House of Comture that the Attorney General in his mons for sending a scandalous letter reply brief referred to 1 as insinuat- to one of the masters of the court ing that the Legislature in enacting and a committee from that body, after and this court in sustaining the law an investigation, reported that in their were being "impelled or controlled by opinion his "claim to be discharged some mythical political influence it from imprisonment by reason of privilegde of parliament ought not to be admitted." 2 Milne and Craig. 317.

When the case of People vs. Tweed in New York came up a second time was used, should be taken into consid- before the same judge, before the trial commenced, the prisoner's counsel privately handed to the judge a letter. brought to test the ... institutionality couched in respectful language, in which they stated, substantially, that ture limiting labor to eight nours per their elient feared, from the circumday in smelters and other ore reduc- stances of the former trial, that the tion works, except in cases of emer- judge had conceived a prejudice gency where life or property is in against him, and that his mind was not in the unbiased condition neces-This Act had passed the Legislature sary to afford an impartial trial, and respectfully requested him to consider whether he should not relinquish time of filing the petition, responding the duty of presiding at the trial to was aware that the court had pre. some other judge, at the same time viously sustained the validity of the declaring that no personal disrespect enactment as limiting the hours of was intended toward the judge of the Boyce, 27 Nev. 327, 75 P. I., 65 L. R. and went on with the trial. At the A. 47, and in mills for the reduction end of the trial e sentenced three and publically reprimanded the others, the junior counsel, at the time expressing the opinion that if such a thing had been done by them in England, they would have been "expelled "om the bar within one hour."

nsel at the time protested that intended no contempt and that they felt and court to express no disres- said: intende the judge but that their acpect for en taken in furtherance of tion had the semed . . . V., al interests what they & . and the faithful and of t.elr clien charge of the r duty. conscientious A ed the disclaimer of The judge accept but refused to personal disrespeca r of intention to believe the disclaime 'd enforced the commit a contempt a Journal 408. fines. 11 Albany Law

26 Am. R. 752. judge out For sending to a d.strica rat "The of court a letter stating th 'ly conruling you have made is direc. trary to every principal of line every body knows . I believe. & is our desire that no such decit shall stand unreversed in any courwe practice in," an attorney was finen \$50 and suspended from practice until the amount should be paid. In delivering the opinion of the Supreme Court of Kansas in Re Prior; 18 Kan: 72. 26 Am., 747, Brewer J., said:

'Upon this we remark, in he first place that the language of this letter is very insulting. To say to a judge that a certain ruing which he has made is contrary to every principle of law and that everybody inows it, is certainly a most severe imputation.

We remark, secondly, that an attorney is under special obligations to be considerate and respectful in his conduct and communications to a judge He is an officer of the court, and it is therefore his duty to uphold its honor and dignity. The independence of the profession carries with it the right freely to challenge, criticise and condemn all matters and things under review and in evidence. But with this privilege goes the corresponding obligation of constant courtesy and respect toward the triounal in which the proceedings are pending. And the fact that the tribunal is an inferior one, and its rulings not final and without appeal, does not diminish in the slightest degree this obligation of courtesy and respect. A justice of the peace before whom the most trifling matter is being litigated is entitled to receive from every attorney in the case corteous and respectful treatment. A failure to extend this courtesy and respectful treatment is a failure of duty; and it may be so gross a dereliction as to warrant the exercise of the power to punish for

contempt. It is so that in every case where a judge decides for one party., he decides against another; and oftimes both parties are before hand equally confident and sanguine. The disappointment, therefore, is great, and it is not in human nature that there should be other than bitter feeling which often reaches to the judge as the cause of the supposed wrong. A judge, therefore, ought to be patient. be the more consurable. So and tolerate everything that appears but the momentary outbreak of disappointment. A second thought will generally make a party ashamed of such an outbreak. Se an attorney

th it become the court's clear duty ministering them." 128 U. S. 313. to check the habit by the severe les- In re Wooley 11 Ky. 95, it was held the annals of juris, rudence entend; son of a punishment for contempt, that to incorporate into a punishment for contempt, the contempt is the contempt of the contempt. The single insulting expression for rehearing the statement that "Your lence it has been sanctioned and eswhich the court punishes may there conors have rendered an unjust de- tablished by the experience of ages. Francisco for Mexico City, December the prior conduct of the attorney, and to commit in open court an act conmatter which might well be unnotic- actorney; and hat where the laned; and yet if all the conduct of the guage spoken or written is of itself attorney was known, the duty of in-necessarily offensive, the disavowal of 2d edition it is said:

We remark finally, that while from the very nature of things the power opinion we quote: of a court to punish for contempt is a vast power, and one which, in the hands of a corrupt or unworthy judge may be used tyrannically and unjustly, yet protection to individuals lies in the publicity of all judicial procee, ngs, and the appeal which may be made to the legislature for pro proceedings against any judge who proves himself unworthy of the power

intrusted to him." Where a contention arose between counsel as to whether a witness had not already answered a certain question, and the court after hearing the The power of courts to punish for reporter's notes read, decided that she had answered it, whereupon one of the attorneys sprang to his feet and, turning to the court, said, in a tone and insulting manner She has not answered the question' held that the attorney was guilty of contempt regardless of the question waether the decision of e court was right or wrong." Russell v. Circuit Judge, 67 lowa, 102.

In Sears v. Starbird, 75 Cal. 91, Am. St. 123, a brief reflecting upon the trial judge was stricken from the record in the Supreme Court, because it contained the following:

The court, out o. a fullness of his love for a cause, the parties to it or their counsel, or from an overzealous desire to adjudicate all matters, points arguments and things,' could not, with any degree of propriety under the law. patch and doctor up the cause of the plain. ffs, whic... perhaps, the carelessness of their counsel had left in such a condition as to entitle them to no relief whatever."

In reference to this language it was

said in the opinion: ".ere is a .....nct intimation that the judge of me court pelow did not act from proper motives, but from a love of the parties or their counsel. We see nothing in the record which suggests that such was the case. On the contrary. .. e action complained of seems to us to have been entirely proper: See Sil v. Reese, 47 Cal. 340 The brief, therefore contains a groundless charge against the purity of motive of the judge of the court below. This we regard as a grave breach of professional propriety. Every person on his admission to the bar takes an oath to faithfully discharge the duties of an attorney and counceler" Surely such a course as was taken in ( this case is not in compliance w. that duty. In Friedlander v. Sumner from examining the next witness. G. & S. M. Co., 61 cal. 117. The court

'If unfortunately counsel in any case shall ever so far forget himself as willfully to employ langauge manifestly disrespectful to the judge of the ticipated-we shall deem it our duty to treat such conduct as a contempt of this court, and to proceed accordingly; and the briefs of the case were! ordered to be stricken from the files." In U. S. v. Late Corporation of Church of Jesus Chaist of Later Day Sairts, language used in the petition filed in effect accusing the court of an attempt to shield its receiver and his attorneys from an investigation of charges of gross misconduct in office and containing the statement that We must decline to assume the

functions of a grand jury, or attempt perform the duty of the court in stigating the conduct of its offi-"was held to be contemptuous. 519.

Terry, 36 Fed. 419 an extreme In re. charging the court with havcase, for . bribed, resisting removal from the con by the marshai acting under a and using arms ive language, one of the defendants vas sent to jail for the other for six months. Judge .en y, who had not made any accusation, against the court sought release and to be purged of the contempt by a sworn petition in which he alleged that in the transaction he did not have the slight-

"The law imputes an intent to accomplish the natural result of one's acts, and, when those acts are of a criminal nature, it will not accept, against such implication the denial of the transgressor. No one would be safe if a denial or a wrongful or criminal intent would suffice to realese the violator from the punishment due in his offenses.'

In an application for a writ of habeas corpus growing out of that case Justice Harlan, speaking for the Su preme court of the United States said: "We have seen that it is a settled

doctrine in the jurisprudence both of England and of this country, never suposed to be in conflict with the liberty of the citizens, that for direct contempt committed in the face of the court, at least one of superior jurisdiction, the offender may in its discretion, be instantly apprehended and immediately imprisoned, without the court and chargeable with the trial or issue, and without other proof than its actual knowledge of what occurred: and that according to an unbroken chain of authoricies reaching back to the earliest times, such power, although arbitrary in its nature and liable to abuse, is absolutely essential to the protection of the courts in the discharge of their func-tions. Without it judcilal tribunals outbreak. So an attorney would be at the mercy of the disor- State v. Finton, 1 Blackf. 166, said:

dependence, may become want to use the laws enacted for the vindication these tribunals of sustance or the sup- SPECIAL EXCURSION FROM SAM contemptuous, angry or insulting ex- of public and private rights, nor the port and preservation of their respecpressions at every adverse ruling un- officers c.a. ged w.. the duty of ad- tability and independence; it has ex

looking only at the single remark, a stituting a contempt on the part of the the case of Yates, 4 Johns, 317; Johnterference and punis ment might be an intention to commit a contempt may tend to excuse but cannot justify

> systematically attempts to bring the to practice revoked." tribunals of justice into public con- Other authorities in line with these recognize him in the future as one of on the integrity of the court. its officers."

spondent was fined for ironically stat- contempt which no construction of ing to a justice of the peace, "I think the words can excuse or purge. His this magistrate wiser than the Su- disclaimor of an intentional discuspreme court." Redfield, C. J., said; pect to the court may palliate but

here or there."

any alternative left him but the sub- intimidate or improperly influence our mission to what ae no doubt regards decision. as a misapprehension of the law, both on the part of the justice and of this been severely punished for using lan- OFFICE COUNTY AUDITOR court. And in that respect he is in a guage in many instances not so repcondition very similar to many who rehensible, but in view of the disahave failed to convince others of the vowal in open court we have concludsoundness of their own views, or to ed not to impose a penalty so harsh became convinced themselves of their as disbarment or suspension from falacy."

In Mahoney v. State, 72 N. E. 151. an attorney was fined \$50 for saying against the misconduct of alterneys "I want to see whether the court is litigants ought not to be punished or right or vot ; want to know whether prevented from drain'auning in the I am going to be heard in this case in case all petitions, pleadings, and pathe interests of my client or no." pers essential to the preservation and and making other insolent statements. enforcement of their rights. In Redman v. State 28 Ind., the judge informed counsel that a question was ition be stricken from the files, that improper and the attorney replied: respondent stand reprimanded and "If we cannot examine our witnesses warned, and that he pay the costs of he can stand aside." This language was deemed offensive and the court prohibited that particular attorney

In Brown v. Brown IV Ind. 727, the lawyer was taxed with the cost of the action for filing and reading a petition for divorce which was unnecessarily gross and indelicate.

In McCormick v. Sheridan, 20 P. 24. superior court-a thing not to be an- 78. Cal., "A petition for rehearing stated that 'how or why the honorable commission should have so effectually and substantially ignored and disregarded the uncontradicted testimony. we do not know. It seems that neither the transcript nor our briefs could have fallen under the commissioners observation. A more disingenious and misleading statement of the evidence could not well be made. It is substantialy untrue and unwarranted. The decision seems to us to be a traversity of the evidence." Held that counsel drafting the petition was guilty of contempt committee in the face of the court, notwithstanding a disavowal of disrespectful intention. A fine of \$200 was imposed with an alternative of serving in jail.

The Chief Justice speaking for the court in State v. Morrill, 16 Ark. 310

"If it was the general habit of the commutty to denounce, degrade, and disregard the decisions and judgments of the courts, no man of self-respect and just pride of reputation would remain upon the bench, and such only would become the ministers of the law as were insensible to defamation and contempt. But happily for the good order of society, men, an especially the people of this country, are est idea of showing any disre pect to generally disposed to respect and the court. It was held that this could abide the decisions of the tribunals not avail or relieve him and it was ordained by government as the common arbiters of their rights. But where isolated individuals, in violation of the better instincts of human nature, and disregardful of law and order, wontanly attempt to obstruct tne course of public justice by disregarding and exciting disrespect for the decisions of its tribina's, every good citizen will point them out as proper subjects for legal animadver-

> A court must naturally look first to an enlightened and conservative bar. governed by a high sense of professional ethics and deeply sensible, as they always are, of its necessity to aid in the maintenance of public respect for its opinions."

28 Am. D. 411, it was held that the attorneyw ho put his hand to scandalous and impertinent matter stood against the complainant and one not a party to the suit is liable to the censure of cost of the proceedings to have it expunged from the record.

. In State v. Grailhe, 1 La. Am. 183. the court held that it could not consistently with its duty receive a brief expressed in disrespectful language and ordered the clerk to take it from the files.

isted from the ear. . . veriod to which fore seem to those knowing nothing of cree," and other insulting matter, is Lord Mayor of London's case, 3 Wilson, 188; opinion o. Kent C. J., in

son v. The Commonwealth 1 Bibb 598. the way on going trip. Time limit

"Language may be contemptuous

w.e.her written or spoken; and if in the act. From a paragraph in that the presence of the court, notice is turn trip, stopovers will be allowed at not essential before punishment, and points on the main lines of Mexican "An attorney may unfit himself for scandalous and insulting matter in a the practice of his profession by the petition for rehearing is equivalent manner in which he conducts himself to the commission in open court of an in his intersourse with the courts. He act constituting a contempt. When charge and make all arrangements. may be honest and capable, and yet the language is capable of explanahe may so conduct himself as to contin- tion, and is explained, the proceedings ually interrupt the business of the must be discontinued; but where it courts in which he practices; or he is offensive and insulting per se, the may by a systematic and continuous disavowal of an intention to commit course of conduct, render it impossi- a contempt may tend to excuse, but ble for the courts to preserve their cannot justify the act. From an open, self-respect and the respect of the notorious and public insult to a court public and at the same time permit for which an attorney contumaciously him to act as an officer and attorney, refused in any way to atone, he was An attorney who thus studiously and fined for contempt, and his authority

tempt is an unfit person to hold the we have mentioned are clied in the position and exercise the privileges of note to re Cary, 10 Fed. 63z, and in an officer of those tribunals. An open 9 Cyc. F. 20, where it is said that highest judicial tribunal of the State serting in pleadings, briefs, motions, for which an actorney contumaciously arguments, petitions for rehearing or refuses in any way to atone, may just other papers filed in court insulting tify the refusal of that tribunal to or contemptuous language, reflecting

By using the objectionable language In re Cooper, 32 Vt. 262, the restated respondent became guilty of a The counsel must submit in a just cannot justify a charge which under tice court as well as in this court, any explanation cannot be construed and with the same formal respect, otherwise than as reflecting on the in- on the premises owned by Theodore however difficult, it may be either teligence and motives of the court. Winters, will be prosecuted. A limand which could scarcely have been ited number of permits vill be sold We do not see that the relator has made for any other purpose unless to

As we have seen, attorneys have practice, or fine or imprisonment. Nor do we forget that on prescribing

It is ordered that the offensive petthis proceeding.

Taibot, J.

I concur Norcross, J.

In this matter my concurrence is

special and to this extent: The language used by the responing was based, was, in my opinion, contemptuous of this court; and, of course, should not have been used. The respondent nowever, in response to the order of the court to show cause why he should not be punished therefor, appeared and disclaimed any intention to be disrespectful or contemptuous: and moved that if the Court deemed the language contemptuous, the said language be stricken

out of his petition. Respondent not only coatended and said that he had no intention to be disrespectful or contemptuous, but he also earnestly contended that the language charged against him and which Co. shool fund Dist. 3 ...... 277 6114 he admitted naving used was not dis- Co. school fund Dist. 4 ..... 212 77 respectful or contemptuous. In the State school fund Dist, 1 ... 3859 85 last contention, I think he was plainly in error.

The duty of courts in matters of such at least it has always appeared to me. Yet it must sometimes be

done.

Therefore, I concur in the concin- Co. school fund Dist.1 Spct . 7390 20 sion reached and in the order stated Co. school fund Dist. 1 library in the opinion of Justice Talbot, to wit:

"It is ordered that the offensive pet ition be stricken from the files, that respondent stand reprimanded and Co. school fund Dist. 4 library warned, and that he pay the costs of this proceeding.

Fitzgerald, C. J. ----0-0-

# ANNUAL STATEMENT

Of The Continental Casualty Company Of Hammond Indiana. General office, Chicago, Iills-Capital (paid up) .....\$ . 300,000 99 Assets ...... 1,708,611 28 Liabilities, exclusive of capital and net surplus .. 1,157,641 70 Income Premiums ..... 2,129,749 €3 Other sources ..... 30,476 73 Total income, 1905 .... 2,160,226 #6 Expenditures Losses ..... In Somers v. Torrey, 5 Paige Ch. 64 Dividends ..... 16,500 00 Other expenditures ... 1,113,131 64 Total expenditures, 1905 2,123,536 45

> Business 1905 Risks written ..... Premiums ..... 2,633,875 23 Losses incurred ...... 1,009,644 51 Nevada Business Risks written ..... none Premiums received ..... 20,025 56 Losses paid ..... 8.544 pl Losses incurred ...... 8.634 5 A. A. SMITH, Secretary. 8.634 55

The Sierra Nevada mining company Referring to the rights of courts to received \$2,722.67 from leasers operpunish for contempt, Blackford, J., in ating on Coder Hill during the month This great power is entrusted sof February.

FRANCISCO TO CITY OF MEXICO AND RETURN. DECEMBER 16th.

A select party is being organized Ly the Southern Pacific to leave San 16th, 1905. Train will contain fine vestibule sleepers and dining car, all At page 206 of Weeks on Attorneys. will be sixty days, enabling excursionists to make side trips from City of Mexico to points of interest. On re-Central, Santa Fe or Southern Pacific. An excursion manager will be in

Round trip rate from San Francisco Pullman berth rate to City of Mexico, \$12.00.

For further information address information Bureau, 613 Market street. San Francisco Cal.

### --- 0V8 Liberal Offer.

I beg to advise my patrons that the price of disc records (either Victor or Columbia), to take effect immenotorious and public insult to the contempt may be committed by in- diately, will be as follows until further notice:

Ten inch disks formerly 70 cents will be sold for 60 cents.

Seven inch records formerly 50c. now 35c. Take advantage of this of-C. W. FRIEND.

## Notice to Hunletrs.

Notice is hereby given that any person found hunting without a permit at \$5 for the season or 50 cents for

To the Honorabie, the Board of Couty Commissioners, Gentlemen: In compliance with the law. ! herewith submit my quarterly report showing receipts and disbursements of Ormsby County, during the quarter ending Dec. 30, 1905.

## Quarterly Report.

Ormsby County, Nevada. Balance in County Treasury at end of last quarter ..... 39108 77% Fees of Co. officers .......527 05 Fines in Justice Court .....125 90 Rent of Co. biuliding .....302 50 Slot machine license ..... 282 00 S. A. apportionment school money ......5424 48 and on which the contempt proceed- Douglas Co., road work ....18 00 Total 40213 59% Recapitulation April 1st., 06. Balance cash on

hand .....\$31277 17% Co. school fund Dist. 1 .... 10158 4814 Co. school fund Dist. 2 ..... 189 14 State school fund Dist. 2 ...216 18 State school fund Dist. 3 .... 433 76

......108 40 Co school fund Dist, 3 library ....... 6 50

Agl. Assn. fund Spcl. ..... 1929 54

Total \$31277 17% T. B. VA NETTEN

county Treasurer. Disbursements

Co. school fund Dist. 1 ..... 338 65 Co. school fund Dist. 2 ......173 10 Co school fund Dist. 3 ...... 19 85 Co. school fund Dist. 4 .....122 00 State school fund Dist 1 .... 2611 65 State school fund Dist 3 .....120 00 State school fund Dist 4 .....110 00 Co. school fund Spel building

Total 16936 42 Recapitulation

Cash in Treasury January 1, 1906 ......39108 77% Receipts from January 1st to March 31st 1906 ......... 9104 81% Disbursements from January 1st to March 31st 1906..... 16936 42

Balance cash in Co. Treasury April 1st 1906 ..........3127/ 17%

H. DIETERICH

County Auditor